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SPORTS

The Wildcats ended a seven-game losing streak and earned their first conference win of the season. Get the scoop on Page 6.

INSIDE

'Speech and Debate,' the K-State theater department's first production of the year, opens tonight. Turn to Page 5 for a story about the play.

THE EDGE

Tattoos are more prevalent than ever. Check out Page 8 to read what tattoo artists say about getting ink.



Freethinkers



Dorothy Menefee, freshmen studying Agronomy, discusses the qualifications of a miracle at the Individuals for Free Thought meeting Wednesday.

Campus group promotes assortment of beliefs

By Pauline Kennedy
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Twenty years ago, when atheists made up less than 1 percent of the population in America, it was rare to hear someone deny the existence of God. And while atheists and nonreligious people are still a minority today, recent studies show an increase in nonreligious populations and have found a record number on college campuses.

According to the American Humanist Association, a recent poll of individuals ages 18-25 found that the atheist, agnostic and nonreligious population in the U.S. has nearly doubled over the past 20 years. The Secular Student Alliance, a national organization aimed at high school and college students, found that the number of secular student groups on college campuses has dou-

bled in just the past two years.

The rise in nonreligious populations among college students has increased more than any other religious group. So why are we seeing these trends become more prevalent on college campuses? There could be several explanations.

Secular student groups on campuses allow people from all religious backgrounds to come together and share their ideas.

"We spread acceptance," said Travis Holter, senior in chemical engineering and public relations chair of Individuals for Freethought at K-state. "This group is a place to come and be with like-minded people."

Individuals for Freethought is an on-campus organization that promotes the acceptance of nontheistic ideas. Freethought meets weekly for discussion and also partic-

ipates in charity events throughout the semester. Though the majority of its 40 members lean toward atheism and agnosticism, the group has members from several religious backgrounds who regularly attend.

"This is not an atheist group, but it's a skeptic group," Holter said.

Some members of Freethought tie recent correlation between college and nonreligion to education.

"Studies show that as education levels increase, the tendency toward agnostic beliefs increase," said Sean Stenseng, sophomore in life sciences and president of Individuals for Freethought.

Several members in the group said they came to their beliefs through classes exposing them to in-depth scientific theories, phil-

osophy and logic.

POLICE REPORT

Rape of a minor reported

By Hannah Blick
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Riley County Police department has filed a report of rape. The incident occurred Oct. 3 in the south-central part of Manhattan, said Capt. Kurt Moldrup of the RCPD.

The victim was a 15-year-old girl. The suspect, a 19-year-old man, was known to her, Moldrup said. No arrests have been made, and the case is under investigation.

WOMEN TRANSPORTED TO HOSPITAL FROM TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

Two Manhattan women were injured after a vehicle failed to yield turning left on Tuesday, according to a report from the RCPD.

Kinsey Bellamy, 19, of 215 Ford Hall, was driving westbound on Claflin Avenue at 7:05 p.m. As she turned left onto North Manhattan Avenue, her 2005 Chevy Malibu hit a northbound 2004 Honda Civic, Moldrup said.

The driver, Kirsten Hyde, 19, of 110 Ford Hall, and her passenger, Alexandria Richmeier, 18, of 208 Ford Hall, were transported to Mercy Regional Hospital. Hyde suffered cuts to her head and wrist and had a possibly fractured toe; Richmeier complained of chest pains, Moldrup said.

Bellamy was issued a citation for failure to yield when turning left, according to the report.

SEARCH LEADS TO EXCESS OF MARIJUANA, DRUG ACCESSORIES

Three men were arrested for growing marijuana in a Manhattan home earlier this week, according to an RCPD report.

With a search warrant,

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Women gathered in camaraderie for "In the Pink" luncheon

By Michelle Thomas
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

About 50 women of all ages, most of whom were attired in pink, hugged and greeted each other as they sat at round tables with pink flower centerpieces and chairs tied with pink and white balloons.

These women were not just friends from a group or society; they are survivors of breast cancer and the women who support their fight.

The Manhattan Awareness Coalition had its second annual "In the Pink" luncheon to promote breast cancer awareness at the Family and Child Resource Center's West End Conference Room.

The event not only promoted breast cancer education, but also provided solidarity among women. When asked how many women at the event were breast cancer survivors, more than a dozen women raised their hands.

"All of us [men and women] are at risk," said Marcia Locke of the Johnson Cancer Center at K-State. "But the two biggest risk factors are being a woman and age, neither of which we can help."

Locke was the first speaker at the luncheon. Her presentation covered the basics of breast cancer, including risks, symptoms and treatment.

"Most of you as survivors will know what I'm about to tell you, but it's so nice to see the camaraderie," Locke said. "It's

quite touching, really."

Locke described cancer as a mutation of cells that continues to divide but does not die off, resulting in a tumor. She emphasized that while tumors in the breast will form a lump, most are actually benign.

The American Cancer Society estimates that 192,000 new cases of breast cancer in women occur every year. Also, 1,900 incidents of breast cancer and 440 deaths from breast cancer occur in men every year.

"Nearly all breast cancers can be successfully treated if it is detected early," Locke said. "Mammograms are the best method of detecting breast cancer."

The American Cancer Society recommends annual mammograms for all women starting at age 40. However, if breast cancer is in a person's family history, it is recommended one begin annual mammograms earlier.

Locke said the American Cancer Society recommends women 20 to 39-year-old women have a clinical breast exam as a part of a yearly health exam, have a breast exam at least every three years and report any breast change to their doctor right away.

Locke recommends self-breast exams for women over the age of 20, but warned that every lump is not necessarily a tumor.

"Do it just so that you can know your own body better than any doctor seeing you for the first time does," Locke said.

To reduce the risk of breast cancer, Locke said she recommends eating fruits and vegetables, maintaining a healthy weight, exercising and limiting alcohol consumption.

Symptoms of breast cancer can include pain, nipple discharge, color or texture change of the breast skin and the development of a lump. However, the earliest sign of breast cancer is often an abnormality detected on a mammogram before any other signs appear, Locke said.

As of this year, the overall breast cancer survival rate after five years is 89 percent. However, new detection methods and new drug therapies will hopefully increase the survival rates.

"We actually have a scientist at K-State right now researching urine testing to detect breast and prostate cancer," Locke said.

Janice Janke, lead mammogram technician and four-year breast cancer survivor, was the next speaker. Her presentation focused on early detection of breast cancer.

"A lot of women who have had mammograms joke around about them," Janke said. "They're uncomfortable, they hurt, or whatever. But the young women who come in for their first one are terrified. They take the jokes to heart and build it up in their minds to be this scary thing."

Explaining the process of breast cancer

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Donna Alexander, a breast cancer survivor, attends and listens to a lecture on breast cancer at the Family and Child Resource Center Wednesday afternoon.



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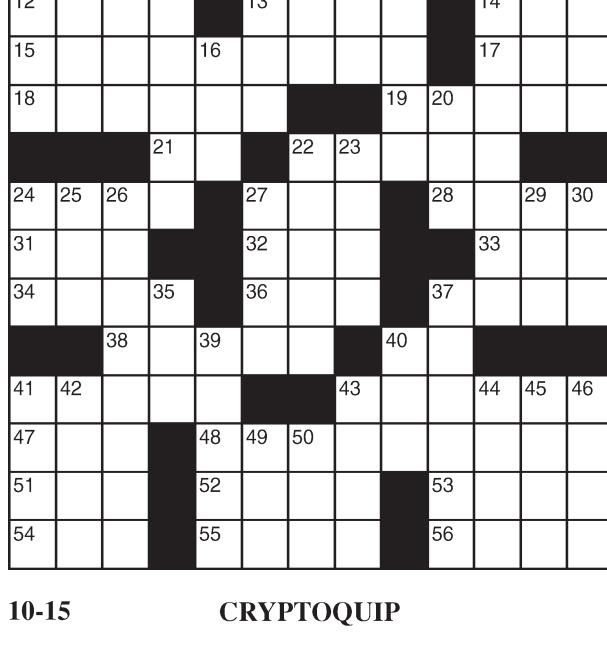


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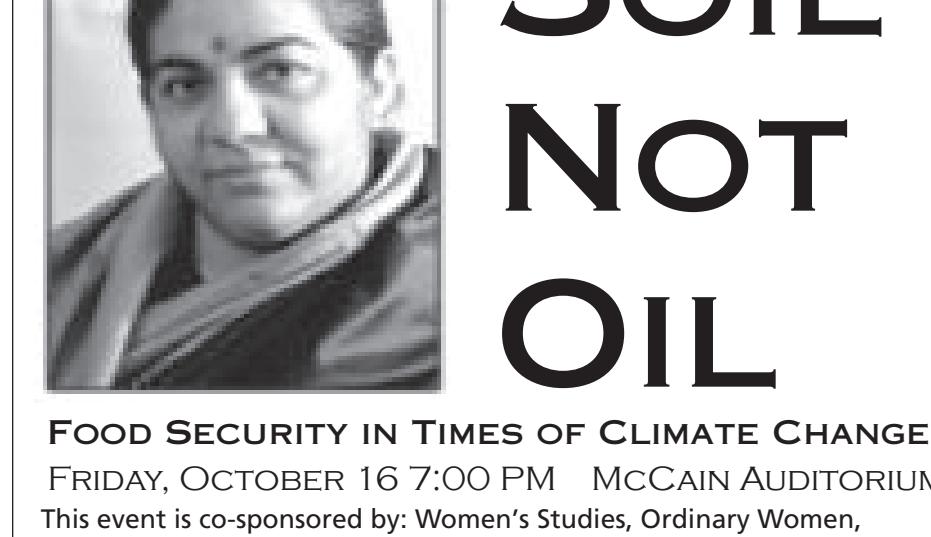
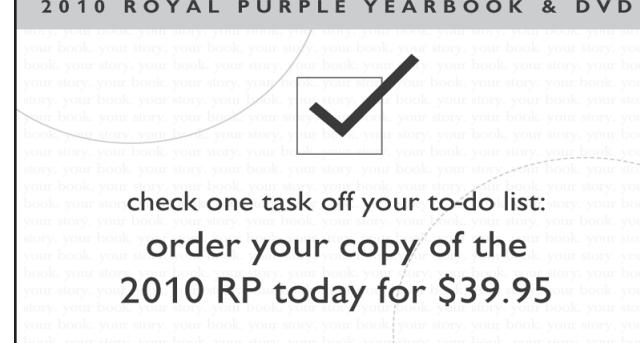
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STREET TALK

Q: What do you think about tattoos?



They are awesome. They are an expression of one's self.



It's your body. You can do it; it's art.



A tattoo symbolizes the nature of the person.



I don't want one personally, but it's fine for other people.

Shushana Crooks
Freshman, elementary education

Brad Drewek
Manhattan resident

Santosh Kumar
Graduate student, pathobiology

Jessica Thiermann
Junior, business management

THE PLANNER

CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARD

Stop by the Women's Center kiosk in the K-State Student Union through Friday and write thank-you letters to the troops for the Thanksgiving season. Supplies will be provided.

Union Program Council is bringing the "Most Trusted Stranger in America," PostSecret.com's Frank Warren, at 7 p.m. Oct. 26 to the K-State Student Union Grand Ballroom. Everyone is invited to anonymously contribute a secret to a campuswide art project. Postcards will be available beginning Monday at Counseling Services and the UPC office, or from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at a booth in the K-State Student Union Food Court. Submitted postcards will be on display in the Union on Oct. 26.

The Konza Prairie Quilters Guild is presenting the "THINK PINK" Quilt Show from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday throughout October at the Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research, Chalmers 001. For the event, which is in observance of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, enter through the courtyard on 17th Street.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Victoria Seeger at 12:30 p.m. today in Blumont Hall 257. The thesis topic is "Collaborative Retrospective Mise Analysis: A Pathway to Self-Efficacy in Reading."

The entry deadline for intramural volleyball, inner tube water polo and individual sports is 5 p.m. today in the administrative office at the Peters Recreation Complex. For more information go online to reservices.k-state.edu or call 785-532-6980.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of George W. Griffith at 1:30 p.m. Friday in Blumont 368. The thesis topic is "The Initial Impact of No Child Left Behind with a Focus on Time for Elementary Science and Equity in Science, Math and Reading."

Vandana Shiva, environmental activist, will give a lecture at 7 p.m. Friday in McCain Auditorium titled "Soil Not Oil: Food Security in Times of Climate Change." The lecture is sponsored by the Women's Studies Program and is free and open to the public.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of James Reinbold at 2 p.m. Monday in the Practice Management Center on the fourth floor of Trotter Hall. The thesis topic is "Application of Real-Time Quantitative RT-PCR for Improving the Diagnosis, Treatment and Control of Bovine Anaplasmosis."

Drop off old pairs of jeans or any cotton

denim items at Peters Recreation Complex. Cotton and Habitat for Humanity turns denim into housing insulation to be used on houses they rebuild in natural disaster areas. Each person who donates will receive a Vanity coupon for 25 percent off a new pair of jeans. Pick up your coupon at the service desk in the lobby when you make your donation. The drive ends Oct. 23. For more information, call the office at 785-532-6980. This drive is a collaborative effort between Rec Services and K-State student members of Public Relations Student Society of America.

The SHAPE (Sexual Health Awareness Peer Educators) program is looking for members. Earn three UGE credit hours, gain leadership experience, improve public speaking skills and inform your peers about being safer. Print off applications, which are being accepted for spring 2010, at k-state.edu/lafene/SHAPE. The application due date is Oct. 30. Submit applications to Room 268 of Lafene Health Center, or send attached in an e-mail to shape@ksu.edu.

The Planner is the Collegian's bulletin board service. To place an item in the Planner, stop by Kedzie 116 and fill out a form or e-mail news editor Sarah Rajewski at news@spub.ksu.edu by 11 a.m. two days before it is to run. Some items might not appear because of space constraints but are guaranteed to appear on the day of the activity.

CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

There was an error in the Oct. 14 issue of the Collegian.

PostSecret postcards need to be mailed, not submitted, by Oct. 21.

The Collegian regrets the error.

If you see something that should be corrected or clarified, call news editor Sarah Rajewski at 785-532-6556 or e-mail news@spub.ksu.edu.

DAILY BLOTTER



To view the daily arrest report from the Riley County Police Department, go to the Collegian Web site, kstate-collegian.com.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY

Check out the Front Page for a article about the increase of atheism on campus.

Do you believe in a higher power or being?

A) Yes B) No C) I haven't given it much thought

To submit your answer, visit kstatecollegian.com. Results for the question of the day will be posted in the following issue of the Collegian.

Wednesday's results: Sex is...

A) just physical: 13 % B) an expression of love: 36 % C) sacred, to be saved for 'the one': 28 % D) a great calorie burner: 24 %

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Alex Neilan, sophomore in social sciences, plays video games on his PlayStation 3 in the front room of his home, which is dominated by the remnants of a wild weekend.

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SGA

Election changes possible

By Danny Davis
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

After weeks of working on the bylaws and statutes amendments, the Student Governing Association has prepared the final bills to be introduced at Thursday's SGA meeting. The goal is that both of the amendments will be held for a vote in the meeting.

The bill seeks to remove the Elections Review Committee from the election process. In place of the committee, the amendments grant more power to the Elections Commissioner. According to the Senate Operations Committee, this will make the appeals process less cumbersome and quicker.

An amendment aimed at increasing the size of the executive branch is set to appear in the senate meeting. Student Body President Dalton Henry wanted the addition of an advisory board, said Amy Schultz, speaker of the student senate.

"It will give groups on campus an opportunity to voice ideas to the student body president," Schultz said.

Currently, the executive branch has a cabinet of advisers, but they work directly on specific projects. The new board would serve to connect the students to their SGA leadership.

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Dear Fourum, I've noticed a lot of 'speeling' errors.

The arroz con carne I was excited for all week turned out to be a chili dog. Thank you, Derby Dining Center.

Even before the Europeans came to America, there was war and there was slavery, rape and human sacrifice. So much for Beth's theory about America being a virgin country.

Dear Fourum, was it a rule for police officers in the early '80s to have mustaches? I'm just wondering. Please respond.

There's a poltergeist in Cardwell 103. I haven't been that entertained in an engineering physics class since, well ... all semester.

Fourum, what type of pancake are you? Oh, I'm sorry, the pancake was a mistake.

This morning I woke up, and my roommate was fighting with my prosthesis and a baseball bat.

In the picture of Columbus and the Indians, why is Columbus pointing to the right and the Indians moving to the left? Good job, Beth Mendenhall.

Hey, while you're up, will you grab me a beer?

Dear K-State, you have not truly experienced Kansas until you've seen Kansas on acid.

P. Diddy says "screw the IFC."

There are so many stupid drivers in Manhattan. It surprises me, and I may well be one of them. But when I'm doing it, it isn't stupid.

From henceforth, Dalton Henry shall be referred to as "The Sweater-vest."

I don't watch hockey either, dude.

Chuck Norris hates hockey and frats.

I'd rather look like an idiot for five seconds wearing a fleece while walking out of a sauna than look like a retard walking 10 minutes outside in a tank top.

I pay how much for tuition? And they can only provide me with single-ply toilet paper. What is this world coming to?

I just got an e-mail from "K-State Alumni Ass." I'm sure they meant association, but they might want to change that.

Me and my friend played the Ugg game. The final score was Jameson: 69 1/2, Kyle: 71.



The Fourum is also available in full online every day.

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Civility: A political necessity to finding solutions

Philosopher Francois-Marie Arouet, better known as Voltaire, once said, "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."

The United States finds its foundation in this idea – the idea that one has the right to express one's opinions no matter what they may be. It is essential that as a society we uphold this principle, because only through the discussion of ideas will we find what is best for our nation.

All too often, those who express minority opinions are shouted down by their opponents, and the pursuit of solutions through debate is replaced by the over-arching desire to defeat those with whom one disagrees.

We see this week after week as Beth Mendenhall and her detractors aim, not to educate one another, but rather to defeat one another in what, I'm sure, they view as a fight to the death.

Rather than debating ideas, there is an inclination to vilify our opponents – to attack their character rather than discuss the merits of their position. This tendency toward vilification can be seen over and over again, from the presidential campaign trail to the Collegian Fourum. It is a disturbing trend and an affront to the ideals on which our country is founded.

Benjamin R. Barber, author of "Jihad vs. McWorld," said in an interview with the New York Times that there



JESSICA HENSLEY

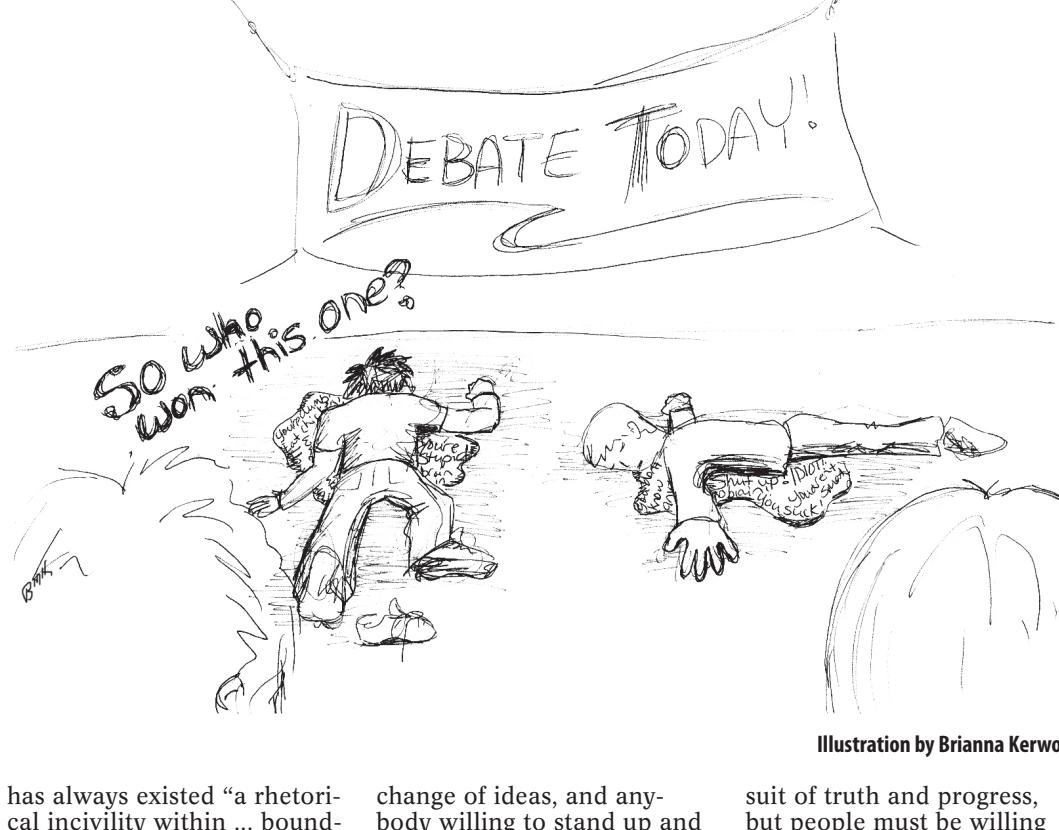


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has always existed "a rhetorical incivility within ... boundaries, which is a healthy manifestation of conflict and disagreement."

However, Barber said those boundaries have eroded and another kind of incivility has emerged. "People yell at each other," he said. "They talk at the same time.

There's almost no listening and no visible modification of opinion, and there is a vilification of opponents, all of which is taken as ordinary discourse."

This surely isn't what the Founding Fathers had in mind when they amended the Constitution to ensure that the citizens of the United States had the right to freedom of expression. The First Amendment was ratified in order to ensure the free ex-

change of ideas, and anybody willing to stand up and debate those ideas deserves more than personal attacks and belittlement.

Disagreement is one of the building blocks of democracy – it is only through honest and thorough debate that progress is made. Calling one another names and condemning one another as crazy does nothing to further either the discussion or the acquisition of knowledge.

Discuss, debate passionately, but do not sink to the level of belittlement or vilification.

The eminent 19th-century writer John Stuart Mill contended that enlightened judgment is possible only if one considers all ideas and tests one's own conclusions against opposing views. Debate is essential to the pur-

suit of truth and progress, but people must be willing to listen to their opponents and accept that there is more than one valid solution to a problem.

We live in a pluralist society, and it is necessary that we be able to accept opposing viewpoints. Personal attacks and vilification are indicators of weak ideas and weak minds and are beneath us as a society. Instead, we should engage in thoughtful and high-minded debate.

Only then will we be able to find viable solutions to the problems that we face as a nation.

Jessica Hensley is a senior in political science. Please send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.edu.

TO THE POINT

Collegian space limits letters to the editor

This semester the Collegian has been graced with a great volume of quality letters to the editor.

TO THE POINT is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian's official opinion.

These have been highly informative and covered diverse topics, offering rebuttals for opinion columns as well as interesting takes on issues at the local, state and national levels.

In response to the overwhelming number and quality of letters, we at

the Collegian have changed the policy to allow letters of up to 350 words unabridged. However, for letters more than 350 words in length, the content must be cut down.

We try our best to make sure that even after abridging letters, the feeling and facts remain, but that is not something that can be assured when words, sentences and even paragraphs are cut from the story.

In situations where 350 words is not enough to convey the entire message and the writer has a basis for showing

expertise in the subject, it is an option to apply to write as a guest columnist, a method which has been tried with positive results, most particularly in the case of Ben Wileman, graduate student in veterinary medicine. Applications can be sent to opinion@spub.ksu.edu.

The Collegian remains committed to making sure controversial issues are effectively covered and both sides of the debate are presented.

We always welcome letters to the editor. Just remember that the publication does not have unlimited space.

Letterman should be held accountable for affairs

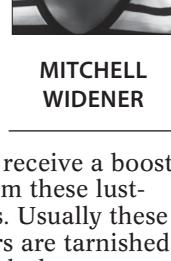
Who doesn't relish a high-profile sex scandal?

They are always filled with deliciously embarrassing details, which cause every social critic imaginable to rain down torrential amounts of condemnations.

Brimming with self-righteousness, we all receive a boost of self-esteem from these lustful power-players. Usually these adulterers' careers are tarnished completely, though there are those dexterous few who defiantly rebound stronger than ever.

Then there is the extraordinary David Letterman.

With a few self-deprecating jokes and a half-hearted apology, Letterman was able to overcome his infidelities and conquer his critics. How is he able to do this? He's funny and we let him get away with his indiscretions. Underneath his dry sense of humor, Letterman is nothing more than a ladies' man and a hypocrite.



MITCHELL WIDENER

A distressing trend his plight sheds light on is the United States' inconsistent attitude towards adultery. This double-standard is perpetuated by our own strange propensity for forgiveness.

Recently, Letterman's ratings have soared. Let's review his actions this past year. Over the summer, he made an ill-advised sex joke, though unintended, about Sarah Palin's younger daughter. There was an outrage. He apologized. It didn't seem too malicious, so we forgive him.

More recently, Letterman surprisingly announced he had been cheating on his long-time girlfriend and wife of six months with women on his staff. During this mild confession, he did not apologize to his wife. Rather, he made wisecracks about the affair.

Two shows later, he made a more sincere apology to his wife. Naturally, his ratings have increased significantly.

What irony.

A man who makes a living off berating other unfaithful figures see his own personal stock rise substantially due to his own unfaithfulness. Nothing quite

screams "legitimate" like winning the ratings battle because you cheated on your wife and admitted to it.

Why do we reward infidelity simply because we like the transgressor? Our capacity for forgiveness basically comes down to a popularity contest. I'd much rather give politicians the freedom to fornicate with whomever they like, than endure watching a smug talk-show host's face gloat over his soon-to-be ratings windfall.

Letterman might not be in the despicable-league of John Edwards, but the way he handled the confession and apology is repugnant. According to a Fox News article, Letterman's wife was livid he didn't apologize in his original confession and shocked at his humorous take on the situation. Begrudgingly, Letterman made a more sincere apology the next taping. Apart from his wife, I'm sure the women involved in the affair appreciated his blasé attitude toward the relationships.

This can be forgiven though. He's funny.

A larger issue Letterman has brought up is sexual relationships in the workplace, specif-

ically ones involving superiors and their employees. Some women's groups, including NOW, have claimed that Letterman's sleeping with assistants was an abuse of power and had set a sexual tone in the workplace.

However, others have debated this. Depicting Letterman's assistants as powerless victims is inaccurate, critics say. I'm prone to agree with the latter opinion.

Still, I do think it's highly irresponsible for a boss to sleep with not just one, but multiple employees. It creates a very unhealthy working environment. Not to mention probably an unproductive one as well.

Yes, sex has sold and will always sell. Yes, Letterman is a comedian who gets paid to make people laugh. Yes, the only reason this came out was because of an extortion charge. Regardless, all the problems Letterman has caused hardly seem like a good reason to watch his show.

Conan is much better anyway.

Mitchell J. Widener is a sophomore in English. Please send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.edu.

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'Speech and Debate' play opens at Nichols tonight



1. Erica Elaine Smith plays Diwata, a teenage girl with a passion for drama, as she sings intoxicated and alone on a Friday night on her diary blog in the play "Speech and Debate" during rehearsal in Nichols Theatre Wednesday night.

2. Solomon, a nosy high-school reporter looking for his big break, played by Kyle Myers, sophomore in theater, is captivated by a phone conversation with a transfer student, Howie, played by Chris Auten, freshman in theater.

By Tim Schrag
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The first K-State Department of Theatre production of the year, "Speech and Debate," takes place in the small town of Salem, Ore. The play is centered around a witch hunt that begins when a scandal involving a teacher affects the halls of a high school.

"This play deals with difficult issues that affect the lives of students attending high schools and even colleges across America," said Marci Maullar, managing director of K-State Theater, in a news release. "These issues, presented in a serious-comic manner, will be meaningful to most young people and their parents."

This scandal brings together three misfit students, Solomon, Diwata and Howie, to form a speech and debate team. As they search for the truth, the journey to be heard uncovers secrets, connecting them in unlikely ways.

Christopher Auten, sophomore in theater, plays the part of Howie, an openly gay teen in a conservative community who recently moved from Portland, Ore.

"It revolves around three different people from three different backgrounds," Auten said. "They come together on issues that bring them together."

Auten also said this is the first K-State production he has been cast in.

"It's been a really good experience, and I'd encourage everyone to attend to the show because it's going to be great," he said.

Auten is one of four other cast members.

The theatre department recom-

mends the production to mature audiences only.

The production opens at 7:30 tonight in Nichols Theater. It also will be shown Oct. 16, 17 and 21-24 at 7:30 p.m. in Nichols Theatre.

Tickets may be purchased at the McCain Auditorium box office weekdays from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and also at the K-State Student Union's Little Theatre box office Tuesday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for students, \$11 for military and \$13 for the general public.



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K-State economics professor dies

By Hannah Loftus
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A K-State economics professor died Thursday after a battle with cancer.

James F. Ragan Jr. passed away in the early morning hours Tuesday after prolonged cancer treatment. Ragan was a profound and accomplished professor of economics at K-State with more than 30 published journal articles.

"Jim was a labor economist here in the department, and after 32 years of service to students and staff in economics, his tremendous influence on the department has led us in a new direction," said William Blankenau, pro-



Ragan

fessor of economics and interim department head. "He has touched all our lives within the department, and we have truly lost a valuable friend and colleague."

Ragan was born in Kansas City, Mo., on April 10, 1949, and later received his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in economics from Washington University in Saint Louis. In 1977, Ragan became a professor at K-State. He served as department head from 1990 to 2004.

During his years at K-State, Ragan taught an assortment of classes, including Principles of Economics and Sports Economics. Ragan also co-wrote the textbook, "Principles of Economics."

However, outside the classroom, Ragan was a lecturer at St. Thomas More Catholic Church and a lover of athletics.

"He loved to play tennis and go exercise," Blankenau said. "In fact, he even started

the sports economics course here at K-State."

Ragan is survived by his three children, Emily, Laura and Patrick. Ragan is also survived by his wife, Gail, his mother, Helen, his step-father, Harry, and his step-mother, Elaine.

In memory of Ragan, contributions for the K-State University Foundation Scholarship for Graduate Students in Economics are now being collected. Contributions can be left in care of Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Ave.

A rosary service will take place at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., followed by a Christian Wake Service at 8 p.m. Thursday.

Burial will be 10 a.m. Friday at the St. Thomas More Catholic Church on 2900 Kimball Ave.

Social drinking can lower heart risks

By Alyssa Siegle
ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

A recent study conducted in Japan shows that drinking with friends in a sturdy social network can reduce the risk of heart attacks and strokes.

The researchers studied Japanese men and found that light to moderate alcohol consumption and high levels of social support systems were linked to lower rates of heart disease and strokes.

"When it comes to health, we know a lot of different factors either increase the risk for health problems, or they may be beneficial to good health," Jim Almeda, health educator for Student Health Services, said. "It's hard to separate out which factors have the strongest impact."

Dr. Hiroyasu Iso from Osaka University notes that the study confines the link to only light to moderate drinking habits. Excessive alcohol consumption is risky regardless of social support.

The team's analysis focused on the beneficial aspects of drinking with good friends and family. Through forging supporting systems, the individuals may live longer and have healthier hearts.

The important link in the study is made through the high level of social support enhancing the heart-healthy effects of alcohol consumption. Individuals who can enjoy drinks with a close group of people were shown to have reduced risk of heart disease later in life.

"I definitely think it helps to have a good support system, because I know that's what helps me," Kaile Erickson, freshman elementary education major, said.

Dr. Iso's team studied 19,356 men between the ages of 40 and 60. The men who consumed over 300 grams of alcohol per week, classified as heavy drinkers, suffered from more strokes than those who consumed lightly.

"With alcohol, the research I have seen suggests that low-risk or moderate drinking, which is one to two drinks a day and never more, or no more than three drinks in a day for those who drink less than daily, may have the health benefit of decreasing risk for heart disease and stroke," Almeda said.

"This is regardless of a person's social support system. The health benefit isn't strong enough to suggest that those who don't drink at all should start drinking."

The research contrasted the heavy drinkers with the light to moderate groups, which were those men who consumed less than 300 grams per week, and found that they had reduced risks of stroke and heart disease.

The effect of the reduction of risk was more pronounced and apparent in individuals who had high levels of social support. These men likely participated less in unhealthy behaviors and stress buffering, according to Iso.

"There is also some good research that suggests people who have strong social support and/or are in healthy relationships may also be healthier and happier than those who don't," Almeda said.

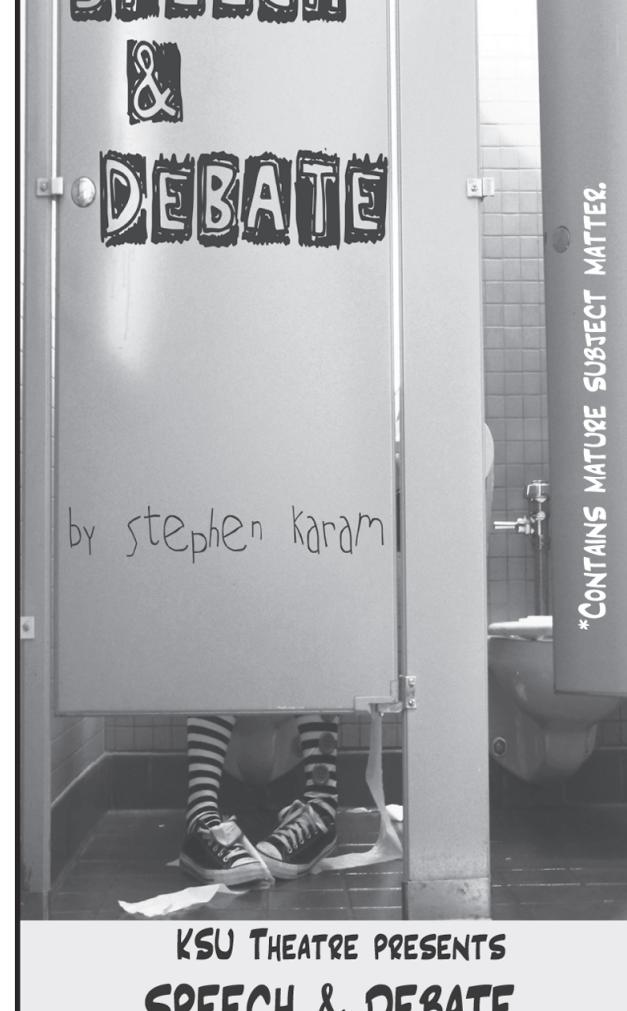
Also according to Almeda, studies have shown that consuming even low amounts of alcohol can increase the risk of developing breast cancer in women.

"I think the take home message should be that if you choose to drink, try to stay within the low-risk guidelines," he said.

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Victory



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Vanessa Murray (3) celebrates with her teammates after recording the final point of K-State's win over Missouri Wednesday in Ahearn Field House. The victory marked the Wildcats' first conference win of the season and snapped a seven-game losing streak.

K-State downs Missouri in four sets for first conference victory

By Sam Nearhood

KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The K-State volleyball team (7-10, 1-6 Big 12 Conference) won its first conference game of the season, beating Missouri (12-7, 4-4) 3-1 Wednesday night in Manhattan.

Coming off a tough seven-game losing streak, head coach Suzie Fritz was pleased to find a win at last.

"I'm just so happy," Fritz said. "We're feeling great. We played really well."

The rest of the team shared her enthusiasm. Outside hitter Kathleen Ludwig said it was mo-

tivating to clinch their first conference victory.

"That was pretty much the most fun we've had in a while," Ludwig said. "We're all really happy."

Both K-State and Missouri were at their best, exchanging big hits and digs with energetic runs to keep each team playing hard.

The first set started with the teams trading points back and forth until K-State took the lead with a four-point run. Missouri came back with six straight points, pushing K-State into two separate drives to capture the set 25-21.

Missouri countered in the next

set with a series of campaigns to pull ahead 17-11. Eight kills for .533 attack percentage by K-State middle blocker Kelsey Chipman and two aces from libero Lauren Mathewson were not enough to regain the lead as Missouri eventually took the set 25-22.

Returning after intermission to a roaring crowd, the Wildcats set the momentum for the third set by winning multiple long volleys and a six-point run to outplay Missouri for a 25-20 win.

Missouri rebounded by recording an impressive eight-point run to pull ahead with an early lead. Down 9-16, K-State scored a long drive under Mathewson to tie the

score at 16-all. Missouri forced side-outs to pick up rally points, but another push from K-State claimed the set 25-22.

Right-side hitter Paola Ampudia led the Tigers with 17 kills for .245, followed by outside hitter Julianna Klein totaling 12 kills for .143. In the back row, Priscilla Armendariz had 24 digs, the highest of the game.

K-State was led offensively by Ludwig, who had 15 kills for .256, with middle blocker Chipman, outside hitter Vanessa Murray and outside hitter JuliAnne Chisholm scoring 13, 12 and 12 kills, respectively.

Defensive specialist Caitlyn

Donahue netted 22 digs, a career high. She said she was happy with her performance.

"It feels great," Donahue said. "I felt like I played well in position. I felt like I was in the groove all night."

When asked if K-State could continue its success against rival Kansas this weekend, Ludwig was confident in her team.

"I think that we're just going to carry it through," she said. "I think that right now it's contagious. We really want to feel like this a lot more often."

K-State returns to Ahearn Field House Saturday at 1 p.m. to face the Jayhawks.

Men's basketball team could contend for conference title

Basketball season approaches (excuse me for looking ahead). The men's team is arguably the deepest and most talented team K-State has had in the last 30 years.

While the football team is progressing under Snyder, it is seemingly impossible not to get excited at the thought of a deep run in March through the NCAA tournament.

While Mike Beasley and Bill Walker bolted for the NBA, Ron Anderson left for South Florida, and Fred Brown transferred to Louisiana Monroe, the other pieces from the 2007 recruiting class are still here.

This added experience will be an important factor down the stretch.

The starting backcourt of Jacob Pullen and Denis Clemente is one of the 10 best in the nation.

Along with the addition of McDonald's All-American Wally Judge, whose head flies above the rim, and Curtis Kelly, a transfer from Connecticut last season, the Wildcats are a top-three team in the Big 12.

I have scoured the team's schedule over and over again, and I only see this team losing four to five games.

The only hiccup in the non-conference portion of the schedule is a potential match-up with Villanova in an early-season tournament in Puerto Rico. If this team can avoid a match-up with last year's Final Four team, then it is smooth sailing.

This team is too deep and too strong to lose to Washington State and Xavier. Xavier will play the Cats tough, but the "Octagon of Doom" will be just that for



PAUL HARRIS

the Musketeers.

Moving on to the conference schedule, K-State, at worst, will drop four games.

The Wildcats will lose to Texas based on the Longhorns' returning talent. Dexter Pittman is competing for Player of the Year in the Big 12 and has his best game yet. Talented freshmen Avery Bradley and Jordan Hamilton have found their groove and finally play up to their abilities.

Two of the four losses will come from one team. The Jayhawks have had their troubles on and off the court, but this team is extremely talented, and if you can't see that, proceed to take off your purple-tinted glasses. Sherron Collins and Tyshawn Taylor make up the best backcourt in the nation. Collins should be a first-round pick but is considered by many NBA scouts to be too short. Though Taylor's temper has gotten the best of him on one occasion, the sophomore was a stud last season. Cole Aldrich returns to anchor the paint. The games between K-State and KU will be tightly contested, but the Jayhawks' depth and experience will prove to be too much for the Wildcats.

Oklahoma is the last team that will put a notch in K-State's loss column. Cade Davis will have an unbelievable shooting night and Kansas State's offense won't be able to keep up with his performance. The Wildcats will be able to keep it close late in the game, but Tony Crocker will put the nail in the coffin with a 3-pointer in the waning seconds.

This K-State team is a dangerous team come March. If Curtis Kelly lives up to his hype and the freshman class can log good minutes, season's end will no doubt be sweet.

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WOMEN'S GOLF

Team ties with KU, places 7th out of 18

By Tyler Scott

KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

On the third and final day of the Price's Give'em Five Intercollegiate, the women's golf team finished solid, but stood still in the standings when it was all said and done.

Out of the 18 teams in the tournament, the team tied for seventh with KU. They finished with a score of 900 and 36-over-par. It marked the Wildcats' best score of the season.

Kristi Knight, head coach, said overall the tournament was a success.

"It was our best 54-hole tournament of the year," Knight said. "This was a very deep field and although our 300 score for the last round was fairly disappointing, we scored a 295 yesterday."

She said the team lost most of its shots on the greens, but it was a good effort all around.

Host school New Mexico State University finished 14th with a score of 52-over-par. University of Idaho won the Price's Give'em Five Invitational with a score of 871 and 7-over par. They shot an astounding final round score of 288.

Mississippi State finished in 18th place. They shot a 327 in the first round and finished with a score of 73-over-par.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Wildcats picked 4th

By Grant Guggisberg

KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The men's basketball team has been picked to finish fourth in the Big 12 Conference preseason coaches' poll.

This ranking matches the highest the Wildcats have received in the history of the Big 12, with the other fourth place finish predicted in the 2007-2008 season that featured departed NBA players Michael Beasley and Bill Walker.

Atop the list was defending Big 12 champion Kansas, which garnered 11 first-place votes, followed by Texas with one first-place vote and Oklahoma. Since coaches cannot vote their own team to first place, Kansas is the unanimous preseason favorite.

Following the Wildcats were Texas A&M, Oklahoma State and Missouri in fifth, sixth and seventh places, respectively. Rounding out the bottom five were Iowa State, Texas Tech, Baylor, Nebraska and Colorado.

The Wildcats are expected to improve on last season's 22-12 mark by returning four starters and adding a solid recruiting class. In addition to the large class of freshmen, junior forward Curtis Kelly will be eligible to play after sitting out last season after transferring from Connecticut.

For those who want to see the Wildcats in action before the season starts, the team is holding an open scrimmage on Oct. 24 three hours before the kickoff. The team officially starts practicing on Oct. 16, with its first exhibition game against Pittsburgh State on Nov. 8 at 3 p.m.

Basketball coaches, athletic director field questions in Union

Men's basketball head coach **Frank Martin** speaks candidly at the meet and greet on Wednesday in the K-State Student Union Courtyard.



COURTESY PHOTO

By Ashley Dunkak
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Students gathered in the K-State Student Union courtyard Wednesday as members of the K-State athletic department shared their thoughts on the upcoming basketball season.

From noon to 1 p.m., students had the opportunity to question men's basketball coach Frank Martin, women's basketball assistant coach Andria Jones and athletic director John Currie.

Wyatt Thompson, director of sportscasting and public relations, also spoke and fielded inquiries.

Topics included the players, what students should do while standing in line before games and whether Martin wakes up in a bad mood on game days.

For that last question, after initially joking that he becomes a deranged human being for the six-month basketball season, Martin explained that the 40 minutes he is televised are the most intense

of his job. While other professionals have high-stakes events behind closed doors in office meetings, Martin is on the sidelines for the world to see.

The coaches used the public forum to talk about their staffs.

"There are two words that come to mind when I'm asked about my staff," Martin said. "Honesty and loyalty."

He said all the assistant basketball coaches had opportunities to go elsewhere when Bob Huggins left, but they chose to stay. He said he is the "luckiest guy in the world" to be a part of this staff, and it is very rare to have a staff stay together for three or four years.

Jones said the most important aspect for athletes is that they buy into the team so they can grow as people and competitors.

Martin said the one trait he refuses to deal with in players is selfishness. He said if it is an individual sport, players can be as selfish as they want, but that selfishness will de-

stroy a team.

Martin once had a basketball team that was having issues with selfishness, so he talked to the school's wrestling coach and set up a meeting between the two teams. When his basketball players came in for practice that day, Martin told them they were having a different kind of scrimmage.

"Every one of those 14 guys got put on their backs and pinned, and they couldn't get up," Martin said. "I told them, 'If you want to be selfish, go wrestle!'"

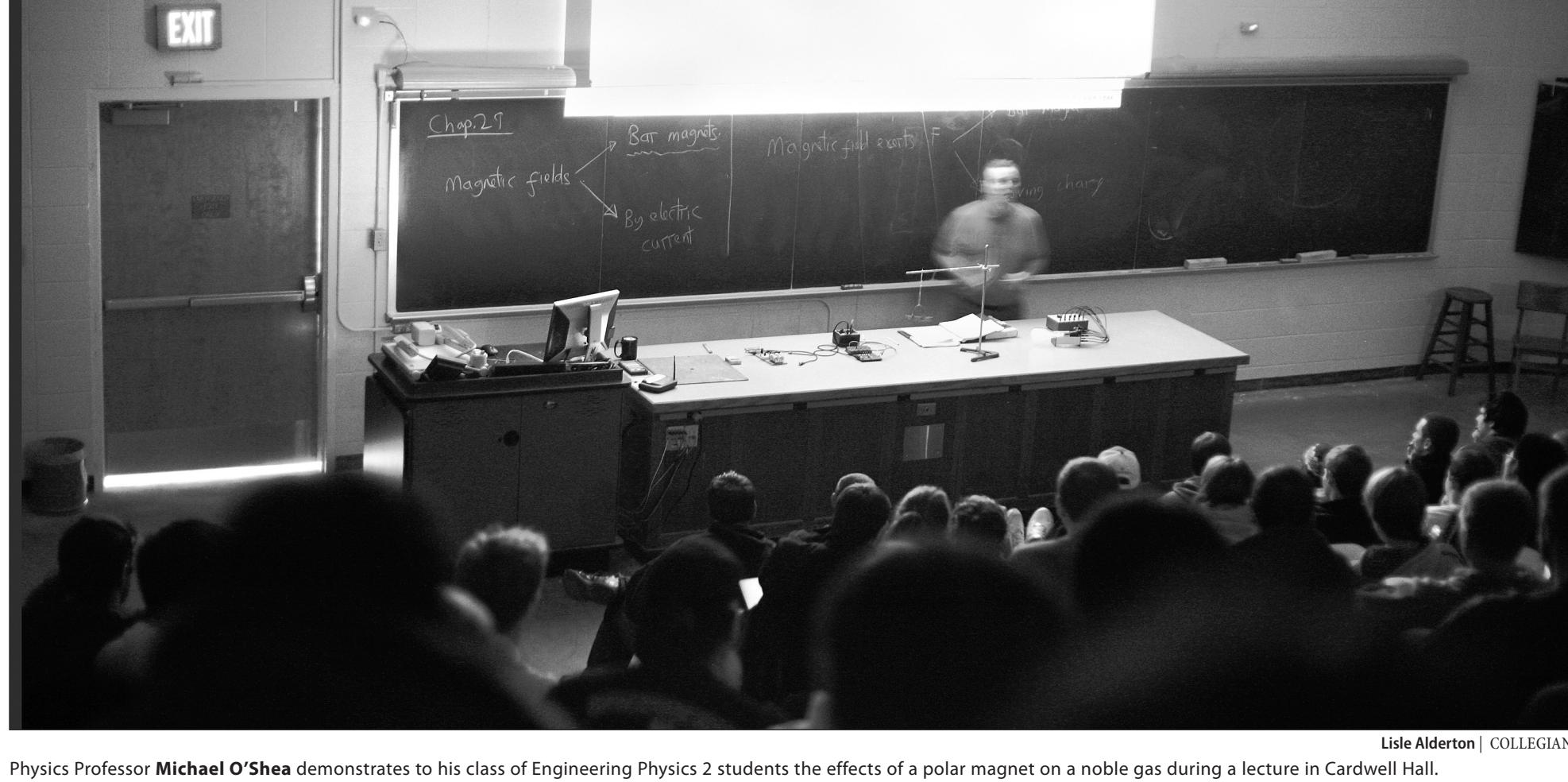
Martin also said students acting like crazy fans makes for an amazing atmosphere, which is why K-State has drawn both Big Monday and College Gameday this season.

"It makes our jobs that much easier," Martin said concerning recruitment.

Currie encouraged students to give their suggestions about how the fan experience can improve.

"We're a lot stronger when we've got a lot of heads thinking," he said.

Magnetic lesson



Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN

Physics Professor Michael O'Shea demonstrates to his class of Engineering Physics 2 students the effects of a polar magnet on a noble gas during a lecture in Cardwell Hall.

Summit discusses texting while driving

By Brian Bosche
UWIRE

Leading transportation experts convened in Washington, D.C., Sept. 30 for a two-day summit on distracted driving that is organized by U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood. Though the event focused on the many facets of distracted driving, the dangers of text-messaging dominated the discussion.

According to a Virginia Tech Transportation Institute study, those who text while driving are 23 times more at risk of being involved in a crash. The risk of simple cell phone dialing is significantly less at only 2.8.

"Any type of distraction carries with it a risk, but we've found, by far, texting to be one of the most dangerous secondary tasks one can engage in while driving,"

said VTTI Director Dr. Tom Dingus.

The study combined results from more than 6 million miles of real-life driving where participants' cars were outfitted with cameras and other monitoring equipment.

Texting while driving is an issue closely related to students — as many either do it themselves or know others who do.

"About a year and a half ago, I had a friend who was texting while driving, and she hit a pole and completely flipped and totaled her car in the process," said Ty Hodges, freshman at Virginia Tech.

Has Hodges' friend learned anything? Even after her crash, Hodges said she still texts while driving.

That is only one example of a text-related crash. Others have resulted in death, like the commuter train crash in California that killed 25 people.

One panel discussion at the summit will feature Reggie Shaw, 22, and Nicole Meredithe, 18. Both of them caused crashes because they were texting behind the wheel. Shaw's crash resulted in the deaths of two men, and he spent 30 days in prison. The discussion will be moderated by Seventeen magazine's editor-in-chief, Ann Shoket.

Overall, Secretary LaHood said he would ban drivers from texting if it were up to him. However, LaHood said he recognizes the need for a coordinated strategy that includes both education and enforcement, hence the two-day summit.

The VTTI study ultimately concluded that the key to improving driver safety is "keeping your eyes on the road."

Dingus said he hopes to bring the results of the research to the summit and apply it to "save lives."

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Getting inked

Good tattoos require careful planning, artists say

By Hannah Loftus
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

All body art serves as outward forms of self expression, but a tattoo is forever. Even reality TV shows, like "LA Ink," are made to focus on the growing art.

"Getting a tattoo takes a lot of trust in the artist that is doing the work," said Jay Huber, a Wichita tattoo artist. "It is hard for people to come up with something in their imagination, and then we have to translate it onto the body. Using that creativity to harness your feelings and expressions are why tattoos are so popular these days."

People can get almost any design tattooed anywhere on their body. According to the Guiness Book of World Records, the most tattooed person on earth, Lucky Diamond Rich, has spent more than 1,000 hours under the needle, transforming his body into one massive tattoo.

"We never have any strange requests because every tattoo is unique to that person," said Chris Tassin of Twisted Apple Tattoo in Aggierville. "The person getting the tattoo doesn't consider it to be strange at all. Some people just get tattoos because they want them. Others get them because they have spent three years coming up with a design that means something to them."

Jordan Carpenter, another Wichita tattoo artist, said sometimes people pick a tattoo because it is meaningful to them, or is symbolic, and sometimes they just like the way it looks aesthetically.

But before you decide to sit down and "get inked," what are some major concerns and problems that could occur from getting a tattoo? Skin color, tone and pigment are important considerations an artist must weigh when tattooing. Ink color, quality and the knowledge of the artist also make a big difference in the final product.

Tassin said some people with darker skin tones are not able to get lighter pigments in their tattoo because they do not show up.

One cause of dissatisfaction in getting a tattoo is that the human body changes over time, and so do styles. A tattoo that looked flattering when first done might later clash with changing skin tones or body contours. A tattoo that seemed stylish when applied might become dated and embarrassing, and changing a tattoo is not as easy as changing your mind.

A common request Carpenter said he receives is covering up tattoos and doing corrective work. But a poor-looking tattoo is only a small part of some of the problems that can occur.

According to the Food and Drug Administration's Web site, some of the common problems that can occur after receiving a tattoo include infection, removal problems, allergic reactions, granulomas, keloid formation and MRI complications.

Some questions people ask tattoo artists are "Where on the body should a person get a tattoo?" and "What exactly are you paying for?"

Tassin said those receiving a tattoo are basically paying for the artist to sit and do the work, to keep his shop open, to pay the bills and for the materials.

Carpenter said he recommends customers do research and talk to tattoo artists to find the best fit for them, keeping in mind a common phrase in the



Becky Tincher | COLLEGIAN

Feet have become a popular location for tattoos. Tattoo artists warn that people's bodies change over time, so the location of a tattoo can be flattering initially, but lose its appeal.

tattooing world, "Good tattoos are not cheap, and cheap tattoos are not good."

Tassin said before getting a tattoo, consider how it is going to look a few years down the road and if you will consider regretting the design.

"It doesn't take a very long time to get a tattoo, but you have to live with that tattoo for the rest of your life," Tassin said. "It's never a good idea to get a tattoo while drunk. In fact, we won't let you get a tat-

too if you are, and you will be turned away. Tattoo removal is expensive and time consuming, often requiring multiple treatments."

Carpenter said he is happy to collaborate with people or give advice on designs, but he will not tell someone what tattoo they should get or where they should put it.

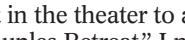
"It's not a fashion accessory," Carpenter said. "It's part of your body."

"Couples Retreat" relies heavily on cheap laughs



COURTESY ART

"Couples Retreat"



Movie review by Patrick Bales

As I sat in the theater to a sold-out showing of "Couples Retreat," I noticed something: the people around me seemed to enjoy it much more than I did. There were countless times when the audience erupted into laughter while I sat there waiting for the movie to end. I admit there were times when I laughed, but the funny moments for me were few and far between.

The movie revolves around a group of couples trying to deal with their struggling relationships. When Jason and Cynthia (Jason Bateman and Kristen Bell) suggest to the rest of the group they take a vacation to the island of Eden, the group hops on board and discovers the magical island is more like a group therapy session than a relaxing week on the beach.

The main issue I had with the film was that none of the humor was relatable. I am all for watching a random comedy, I love

watching Will Ferrell and Adam Sandler movies where there are jokes every other line. But "Couples Retreat" shouldn't be that kind of movie. This is a movie where the characters are supposedly going through real problems, and unlike Ferrell and Sandler films, all of them have an IQ over 80. This is a relationship movie, so we should see real relationships, and the laughs should be believable. A husband and wife or boyfriend and girlfriend should go to the movie and say at multiple points, "Oh, I've said something like that to my partner before."

Unfortunately, this never happens for a variety of reasons.

First, hardly any of the characters have any sort of personality.

It's impossible to have dialogue the audience can connect with when the characters have no depth.

Vince Vaughn spends most of the movie shouting in a hysterical voice, and Jason Bateman's character is a stuck-up jerk.

The women are worse, as none of them ever

have anything interesting to say. I was attentive through the whole movie, and all I got from the women was that Ronnie (Marin Ackerman) likes to keep the peace; Cynthia can't stand being around her controlling

husband; and Lucy (Kristin Davis) enjoys checking out men. By the end of the movie, I had already forgotten all of the characters' names.

Second, the screenwriters seemed to think cheap humor was what this movie needed to be entertaining. They were wrong. The movie is very reliant on a cute toddler saying ridiculous dialogue, Vince Vaughn getting stuck in shark-infested waters, and a yoga instructor who makes a thrusting action to all parties involved.

"Couples Retreat" had a few funny moments scattered throughout, and even if writing in a toddler was a cheap way to get laughs, I still cracked up at the scene where he tries to pee in a department store toilet.

If you're looking for a movie with cheap gags and simple characters, by all means, see this film. The audience I was with seemed to think it was a funny movie. But if the preview didn't make you laugh, you'll more than likely find yourself rolling your eyes as the movie attempts to throw in one lame gag after another.

Patrick Bales is a senior in elementary education. Send comments to edge@spub.ksu.edu

Papaya berry yogurt parfait provides a sweet, healthy treat

For a refreshing, fruity snack, that incorporates fresh fruit, dairy and grains, try a papaya berry yogurt parfait. This recipe offers a delicious alternative to other less-healthy, sweet treats and is a refreshing break from typical college fare.

Prep: 20 minutes
Total: 20 minutes
Serves 6

INGREDIENTS

3 containers (5.3 ounces each) plain nonfat Greek yogurt
5 tablespoons honey
1 1/2 teaspoons grated lemon zest, plus 1 tablespoon juice
1 piece fresh ginger (about 2 inch-

es)
1 papaya (1 pound), peeled, halved lengthwise, seeds discarded, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
1 package (6 ounces) fresh blackberries
1 package (6 ounces) fresh raspberries
1/4 cup chopped fresh mint, plus sprigs for garnish
1/2 cup granola

DIRECTIONS

In a small bowl, combine yogurt, three tablespoons honey and zest; set aside. Using the large holes of a box grater, grate the ginger (no need to peel) into a small bowl. Squeeze ginger through a fine-meshed sieve

or strainer placed over a medium bowl to get a total of 1 tablespoon ginger juice. Discard pulp. Add remaining 2 tablespoons of honey and lemon juice to the bowl with the juice; whisk to combine. Add papaya, blackberries and raspberries and toss gently to coat.

To serve: Spoon half the fruit and juices among six, eight-ounce tall glasses. Sprinkle chopped mint over the fruit. Top with half the yogurt mixture and half the granola. Layer with the remaining fruit, yogurt and granola. Garnish with mint sprigs. For the most visually rewarding presentation, layer the parfaits in clear glasses.

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Saturated fat 3 g	
Cholesterol 14 mg	
Sodium 307 mg	
Total Carbohydrate 38 g	
Total Fiber 5 g	
Protein 5 g	

PINK | Speaker explains mammograms, debunks breast cancer myths



Left to right: Genise Wright, Carrie Snyder, Laura Griffen and Mary Line enjoy lunch and discuss their breast cancer experiences Wednesday.

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screening, Janke said patients begin with a mammogram. Then, especially if it's the patient's first, they will have a follow-up with a radiologist, just to get a more thorough idea of what the patient's breast tissue looks like normally in order to determine any changes in subsequent exams.

"And if you have a lump that they decided should be biopsied, you have to remember that 80 percent of biopsies come back benign," Janke said.

A mammogram can detect breast cancer as small as what Janke described as a few salt crystals.

Patients with breast implants require twice as many mammogram images in order to get a clear reading of the breast tissue around the implant. Janke admitted this can be more uncomfortable, but she said it is more important for women with implants to be screened.

Janke also discussed the myths of breast cancer. She said 99 percent of breast cancer is not painful, but every once in a while, a woman will come in with breast pain and find a tumor. Janke

also said 80-90 percent of women with breast cancer do not have a family history of breast cancer. While those who do have a history of breast cancer in their family should be tested sooner, everyone needs to be checked regularly, regardless of family history.

"Early detection of breast cancer is so, so important," Janke said. "I know that life gets in the way, but you need to take care of yourself."

Janke ended her presentation with her personal testimony of surviving breast cancer:

"Four years ago, mine was detected on a mammogram," she said. "Even though I knew where it was, I still couldn't feel the lump. Unfortunately, I didn't join a support group. I lived a few miles out of town and was just too tired after work to come back into town. But I think that they would have helped. Encourage women who have been diagnosed to join support groups."

Julie Gibbs, a member of the Manhattan Awareness Coalition and coordinator of the lunch, said the coalition plans to continue to hold "In the Pink" as an annual event each October.



The Manhattan Awareness Coalition offered "Pink Lunch" for women who have survived or are interested in learning more about breast cancer at the Family and Child Resource Center.

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ATHEIST | College helps students develop their beliefs

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osophical ideas and historical findings.

Caitlin Brown, senior in interior design and group member, said she agrees with the concept that education plays a significant role in nontheism among college students, but also said self-exploration in college was another contributing factor.

"Many of [the members of] Freethought came from religious backgrounds but didn't swallow what we were taught," she said.

Many students leave home and step into a more diverse atmosphere of values and beliefs, Brown said, because they have reached a place where they have the opportunity to explore their own ideas.

David McGuire, junior in hotel and restaurant management, said living away from his parents and having free time allowed him to open his mind to other ways of thinking. McGuire said he grew up in an Episcopalian family and found that free time to study subjects like philosophy and political science led him away from his religious upbringing.

Erich Schwartz, coordinator of religious activities at K-State, said he finds enthusiasm on both sides of the spectrum to vary.

"It's a time [students] investigate a number of options," he said. "It's wholesome for them to investigate things that are appropriate to them at this time."

Nonreligious thinkers are still a minority in the U.S. today. However, acceptance of these ideas is on the rise, and college campuses contain the perfect combination of elements to continue this trend.

"College is the best place to explore your view of the world," said Kevin Perela, junior in engineering, "and it would be a mistake not to."

POLICE | Drug seizure leads to multiple charges

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the police entered the home of Brett Amidon, 19, of 1712 Humboldt St., at 3:40 p.m. Tuesday, Moulder said. They seized at least five marijuana plants and various drug paraphernalia. Details on the items seized were not released.

Amidon was charged with cultivation of marijuana, no Kansas drug tax stamp and possession of simulated controlled substances and drug paraphernalia, according to the report.

Bond was set at \$5,000.

Also arrested were Lei Yu and Thomas Smith, both 20, of 1714 Humboldt St., for possession of simulated controlled substances and drug paraphernalia and unlawful acts relating to possession of depressants, stimulants or hallucinogenic drugs or other substances, according to the report. Bond was set at \$1,000 for both of the men.

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Alex Callow, sophomore in architecture, burns the midnight oil working on a project. His environmental systems course was assigned to build a model of an eco-friendly home in Minnesota. The cold climate of the region and the requirement that it must operate on no electricity were factors he had to consider.



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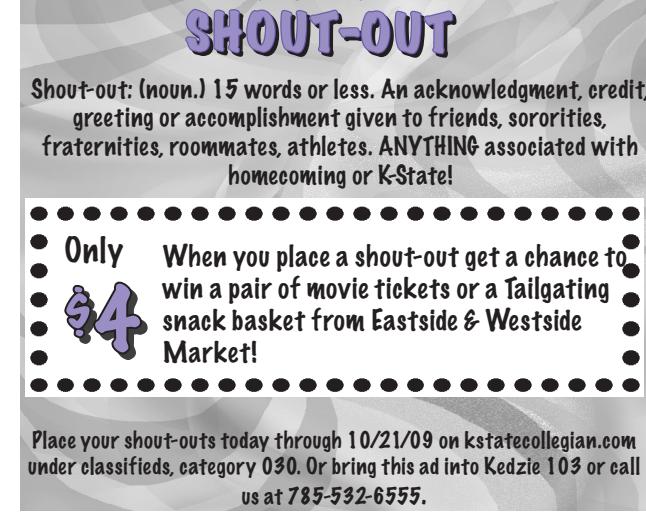
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CampusLIVE, an online resource that organizes popular Web sites used by college students, is building its options and growing every day. With the URL campuslive.com/kstate, the site panders specifically to K-State students.

Boris Revsin, co-founder of the Web site, said university students are taking more of an interest in the site every day.

"We try to reach students who request the site to come to their school," Revsin said.

The portal is similar to Google.com, yet it includes a variety of different things for students to use. Revsin described CampusLIVE as an off-campus resource that includes features like TV Guide and restaurant menus.

The site, though, depends on student input.

"We will try to build the Web site to how the students want it," Revsin said.

CampusLIVE not only features links to various e-mail sites, like Pandora.com and YouTube.com, but it also includes links to K-State resourc-

es, including iSIS, K-State Online and Webmail.

William Hsu, professor of computing and information sciences, said CampusLIVE is easy to use.

"The portal makes it easier for students to search for university information," Hsu said.

Students can make personalized home pages with different gadgets and links to social Web sites, like Facebook.com and Twitter.com.

Students are encouraged to get involved because the Web site is currently hiring campus representatives, Revsin said. People interested can fill out applications on the site and submit them.

Hsu said there are about 100 universities in the country using CampusLIVE.

"All the content is provided by Web developers," Hsu said. "It's like a one-stop shopping center online."

Right now, K-State's version of the portal is new and basic. Revsin said the representatives of CampusLIVE will try to build on the site for the university in the future.

He also said the portal can connect students with businesses for jobs and alumni associations.



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